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(Enclosing report of October 8, 1937 from Mr. Jay Walker, Cairo.)

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Royal Decree No. 1410, of May 31, 1935, authorized the forming of a Government-financed corporation in Libya with powers to operate nearly all classes of retail distribution and general public services. This corporation is known as the "Ente Turistico ed Alberghiere della Libia". It was assured thirty million lire from various government sources over a period of five years. High Government officials also hold important salaried positions in the new corporation. By April 1937, the "E.T.A.L.E" had taken over, from private concerns, control and operation of some of the most important business establishments in the colony. These include hotels, theatres, transportation, publicity advertising, steamship and air agencies, bathing beaches, lotteries, the automobile race course, clubs and cafes, tobacco stores, taxi and carriage services, and direction of the annual Tripoli Fair. The activities of the Corporation were extending each month. It was reported to have 200 directors and employers, with Government status, in charge of various branches of operation. Complaints were heard that owners of business firms taken over by the "E.T.A.L." had been forced to dispose of their interests at low prices set by the Corporation's officials. In each line of business entered, the "E.T.A.L." does not, of course, permit competition, and private firms which had not already turned over their interests to them were experiencing unexpected difficulties from official sources.

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